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The Democratic County Ticket.

For County Surveyor, - J. H. WETZEL. For Jury Commissioner, - J. J. HOY.

EDITORIAL.

UNDER free silver and with existing conditions, our farmers would be getting about twice as much for their wheat as now. Did that ever occur to you? Those same dollars would pay taxes and debts the same as the gold dollar. That is what free silver would have done.

THE last legislature was a disgrace to this state. The state treasurer appears to have been in with the gang. The election of a democrat to that important position would at once be a safeguard. It may be that many patriotic republicans will vote this year for purging their party.

SPAIN seems to have troubles of her own at present. In addition to the war in Cuba there is a general breaking up about the capitol. New men are being put at the head. Weyler is to be recalled from Cuba for his inefficiency in suppressing the rebellion. Spain is also alarmed lest Uncle Sam should step in and put an end to the butchery.

ABOUT the best reform in Pennsylvania that could be inaugurated would be the election of a democratic state treasurer this year. It would not have any bearing on national issues, but a rebuke to the corrupt republican ring and a move for good government. Republicans do not like to forsake party, but in the present emergency it would be a patriotic duty.

THE cause of good government in our state should be the supreme issue this campaign. The profligacy, extravagance and general corruption at Harrisburg in the past few years have simply been amazing. This condition of affairs will continue as long as overwhelming republican majorities exist. Every tax payer owes it to himself to clean out the political ring at the state capitol.

WHEN the republicans joined in and helped to elect Robt. E. Pattison, on two occasions, Governor truly they acted wisely. His two administrations brought about many reforms and was a great saving in many ways to the people. In view of the gross corruption in our state departments, the election of another democratic State Treasurer, would be a move in the right direction.

ACCORDING to the Philadelphia Sunday Press's account of prosperity in and around Bellefonte, we have just 196 men working against 141 last year, at about 20 per cent less wages. Next time send a correct account of our industries, or don't attempt to boom a town like Bellefonte with only 196 men working. We have one firm now that employs that many men itself. In that article they omitted the number of men employed in the chain works, lime stone quarries, planing mills and other places. It was a gross misrepresentation for our town.

Foster's October Weather.

A storm wave will cross the west of Rockies country by close of the 7th great central valleys 8th to 10th, and eastern States the 11th.

A warm wave will cross the eastern States the 10th. A cool wave will cross the eastern States the 13th.

Heavy rains will occur in the Missouri valley during the week and light rains in the northeastern States. Dry in Texas and Mississippi for the week.

During the week ending October 9th killing frosts will occur in the northern States.

October will average colder than usual east of the Rockies. It will average below normal in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. In New England and Texas rainfall will be above normal and in the countries lying between it will be about normal.

The heaviest rains will occur in the northern States about the first of the month and from 17th to 24th.

Awarded a Contract.

The directors of the Masonic Temple association of Williamsport met last Friday evening and awarded the contract for building the new temple to W. H. C. Hoffman & Sons. The estimated cost of the building as now planned will be but \$25,000.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Novel Contention in Suits Against the Capitol Commission.

THE PHILADELPHIA JUDICIARY.

Names of Candidates Will Go in Both the Republican and Democratic Columns—Elkin and the Pittsburg Collectors—Thompson on the Issues.

Harrisburg, Oct. 6.—A novel contention was made in behalf of the capitol commission before Judge Simonton Saturday afternoon in connection with the commission's demurrer to the injunction proceedings to restrain it from selecting an architect in violation of the terms of the program originally announced by the commission. Counsel for that body, arguing in behalf of the demurrer—a decision upon which the lawyers had mutually agreed should be final—held that the court could have no jurisdiction in such a matter, the commissioners being practically the state, and not subject to suit; that the plaintiffs, Cope & Stewardson, of Philadelphia, and Alden & Harlow, of Pittsburg, not having alleged or shown that the plans submitted by them were among the eight selected by the board of experts, had no interest in the matter, and could not complain of any action taken by the commissioners; and, finally, that the whole matter was one entirely within the discretion of the commission.

On the other hand, the principal argument for the plaintiffs commended the action of Governor Hastings and Attorney General McCormick in insisting that the commission should select an architect in accordance with its original program from among the authors of the eight plans recommended by the board of experts. John G. Johnson, of Philadelphia, argued along the line that, as the plaintiffs and all other architects entering into the competition did so on the faith of the promise made them by the commission, that their plans would be judged in the manner provided in the program established by the commission and board of experts; that, relying upon this promise, they had gone to great expense of time, trouble and money to prepare and submit plans; that it was an act of bad faith on the part of the commissioners, after having thus induced them to enter into the competition, to deprive them of a chance of being selected as the architects for the capitol; and that it was the duty of the courts to compel the commissioners to abide by the original program.

Names Will Go in Both Columns. The names of the nominees of the Democratic judicial convention in Philadelphia will be printed on the official ballot. The hearing upon the application for a writ of mandamus upon Secretary of Commonwealth Martin, commanding him to certify their nomination, made by the Democratic party, was heard before Judge McPherson, who promptly ruled as stated.

The Philadelphia judges were regularly nominated by the Republican party in August last, and certificates of nomination were filed in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth Sept. 15 last. Sept. 15 the Democratic convention of the city of Philadelphia nominated the same candidates for the positions and on Sept. 17 caused the certificates of nomination to be filed in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth.

By an act of assembly passed at the session of 1897 the ninth section of the ballot law of 1893 was amended by the addition of the following: "Upon the official ballots transmitted as herein provided by the secretary of the commonwealth to county commissioners and upon ballots to be voted at any election the name of any candidate shall not appear more than once by nomination papers."

John G. Johnson, of Philadelphia, and ex-Deputy Attorney General Stranahan, of Harrisburg, appeared for the petitioners and Attorney General McCormick and the deputy attorney general for Secretary Martin. The counsel for the petitioners contended the amendment of 1897 was inoperative and invalid, because in conflict with the second section of the act of 1893, which provided that political parties to make nominations without limitation, and, further, because in conflict with the constitutional provision that "all elections shall be free and equal." The contention was that the secretary of the commonwealth should disregard the amendment of 1897 and certify the nominations as provided by the act of 1893. Exhaustive arguments were made by Messrs. Johnson and Stranahan in maintaining these positions.

The attorney general replied briefly for Secretary Martin, and stated in substance that the views of his client were in consonance with those of the petitioners. Judge McPherson directed the mandamus to issue without leaving the bench.

Elkin and the Pittsburg Collectors. On Saturday United States Senator Boies Penrose and State Chairman John P. Elkin arrived in Pittsburg from Washington, and registered at the Hotel Duquesne. Senator Penrose had business there in connection with some of his coal interests, and Mr. Elkin's ostensible mission was to confer with some of the leaders with reference to the state campaign.

James S. Beacom, Republican candidate for state treasurer, was also in Pittsburg. Informal conferences were held, in which Lieutenant Governor Lyon, Collector of Internal Revenue Fruit, State Senator Andrews, James S. McKean and other politicians participated.

Soon after arriving in the city Senator Penrose called upon Senator Andrews at the latter's office. He was asked what there was in the report that Mr. Elkin's friends were booming him for the collectorship of the port of Pittsburg.

"I don't know that Mr. Elkin is a candidate," replied Senator Penrose, "he wants a federal position I will cheerfully support him for it. I believe he could get it if he wanted it."

State Chairman Elkin was seen at his hotel. He was asked about his alleged candidacy for the collectorship of the port.

fer with some of the leaders regarding the campaign. Everything is in excellent shape throughout the state. There is scarcely any disaffection anywhere that I can find. Of course, the majority this year could not be as large as it was last year, when we had 309,000 majority in the state. This is an off year and I shall be satisfied with 150,000 majority."

Thompson Discusses the Issues. William R. Thompson, independent candidate for state treasurer, has arranged for opening headquarters in Philadelphia and left for the west, where he will formally open his campaign in Allegheny. Thomas A. Watkins, a prominent Pittsburg, will probably have charge of the Philadelphia headquarters.

In a recent interview Mr. Thompson spoke at length concerning the issues of the campaign as regarded by his friends, and while not anticipating election, he expressed the belief that he would poll sufficient votes this year to entitle his organization to name candidates by certificate of nomination next year instead of by nomination papers.

"The sentiment in western Pennsylvania," said Mr. Thompson, "is that of profound disgust with the political methods in existence in this state, approaching apprehension as to the future. I share that feeling, and am a candidate, not because I desire or would accept public office, but to give voters an opportunity to present themselves in opposition to political methods. The independent party is founded upon the same principles as those which called the Republican party into existence—free speech, free press and free men. These we have not."

"When it is possible to take masses of men and corporations, and corrupt them with money there is grave danger to the Republican institutions; patriotism is dead, and the government is threatened. The independent party protests against political corruption. Defeated as we may be this year, we propose to keep up our organization, and may have a gubernatorial ticket in the field next year. At any rate, we have secured a place on the official ballot, and if we poll the necessary 2 per cent of the vote we will have candidates next year by certificate of nomination, instead of nomination papers."

"I have met a number of Philadelphiaans, and have received much encouragement. The movement is very strong in the west, and the outlook is most promising."

Dr. Swallow's Candidacy. The mayor of Harrisburg visited the Republican state headquarters in Philadelphia the other day and reported that so far as he could observe the Swallow sentiment was rapidly dying out, and that McCauley and Beacom would have the usual Republican majority in Dauphin county. Mayor Patterson, since the death of Mr. Pomeroy, has been acting as chief clerk for the soldiers' orphans' commission. When asked whether the report was true that he would resign as mayor to accept an appointment he answered that he would not, but that in his judgment some old soldier should be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Pomeroy.

Major Levi G. McCauley, candidate for auditor general, was another visitor at committee headquarters. He has fully regained his health, and expects to conduct a vigorous campaign until the close of the contest. Major McCauley said he did not believe the independent candidacy of Mr. Thompson would result in materially lessening the vote for Mr. Beacom.

Captain Samuel P. Towne and William J. Wray, who were very actively engaged in the Grand Army organization to assist in the election of the Republican ticket, were callers at the headquarters, where they conferred with the officers of the committee in relation to the work they were doing toward securing a full soldier vote for the ticket. They reported the Grand Army men practically solid for their comrade-in-arms, Major McCauley, likewise for his running mate, James S. Beacom. The element which they represent has perfected a splendid organization in every county in the state, and it is confidently predicted that the same good results will be obtained from their efforts that were obtained in 1891.

Page Pyne Was Murdered.

The murderous assault committed upon George G. Pyne, the well known chief page of the house of representatives, by burglars in a hotel in Atlantic City five weeks ago resulted last Friday night in Mr. Pyne's death at his home in this city. It was a most violent and brutal assault, committed in the perpetration of a bold robbery, and the perpetrators can be tried for homicide. They succeeded, after beating the invalid page until he was nearer dead than alive, in getting away with his gold watch and diamond stud. As he has finally succumbed to his injuries their crime was homicide committed during the perpetration of a felony. Mr. Pyne had, it is true, been an invalid of consumption, and might have died a few months later if he had not suffered such a terrible assault. But the post mortem revealed the fact that Mr. Pyne died from a blow on the head inflicted by the robbers.

Judge William Butler, Jr., who was recently appointed by Governor Hastings to fill the unexpired term of Judge William Bell, deceased, took his seat upon the bench at West Chester on Monday. The appointment expires on Jan. 1, but inasmuch as Judge Butler has been nominated by the Republicans and endorsed by the Democrats, he will undoubtedly continue in office after that period. Judge Butler has not attained his 25th year when he received the appointment and the nomination. He is a son of United States District Judge Butler, a cousin and law partner of Congressman Thomas S. Butler, and has been regarded as one of the brightest members of the Chester county bar.

The governor appointed Richard H. Koch, of Pottsville, judge to succeed the late Judge Mason Whidman. The appointee is one of the best known of Schuylkill county's jurists and his appointment was urged by a large number of personal friends and admirers. Another effort is being made to secure leniency for Alexander Berkman, the anarchist who shot H. C. Frick during the Homestead strike, and who is serving 22 years in the Western penitentiary.

Secretary of the Commonwealth Martin has appointed Walker B. Webb, of Philadelphia, to be messenger in the state department, in place of Edward C. Baxter, of Philadelphia. Mr. Webb is one of the best known of Philadelphia's colored men. WILKINS.

A PRETTY COMBINATION OF VELVET AND SERGE.

There are tempting styles for the growing girl but so opposite are the effects and so numerous the modes that to make a choice is something of an effort. The attractive features of the dress shown in the illustration are well brought out in the combination of velvet and serge, while velvet ribbon and knif plumes of silk form the decoration. The brooches taper almost to points at the bottom of the waist where their ends are concealed by rosettes of ribbon velvet. The four-gored



skirt is very graceful and requires some simple trimming, while the shape of the sleeves and general effect is above criticism. Pretty dresses of this style will be made of cashmere with silk for the contrast, and novelty wool goods showing gay mixtures of color will be chosen with broad velvet ribbon or silk passementerie or gimp for adornment.

The felt hat is new in style, flaring becomingly off the face and bearing gracefully its decoration of plumage and velvet.

The Butterick pattern is dress No. 9342; 8 sizes; ages, 5 to 12 years, any size, 25 cents.

CIRCULAR CAPE OF MYRTLE-GREEN FACED CLOTH TRIMMED WITH LEAF TRIMMINGS.



and breadth of figure generally determining the depth most becoming. In the illustration will be noticed a cape capable of doing duty on the promenade or for traveling or riding. Cloth is the material and broad the trimming. The mode permits considerable variation, inasmuch as a hood is provided, also a standing, turn-down or storm collar. The circular shaping causes the cape to fall in deep flute-like folds below the shoulders and the adornment is neat and inexpensive.

The Butterick pattern is cape No. 9310; 9 sizes; bust measure, 30 to 46 inches, any size, 25 cents.

The Red Rocks. In sight of the Erie tracks, between Susquehanna and Great Bend, are the Red rocks, a red cliff standing above the Susquehanna river. Near them can be seen traces of the grave of a beautiful Indian maiden, the daughter of a famous chief. She was betrothed to a young brave, a member of her father's tribe, then encamped near here. Her father desired her to marry the son of the chief of the neighboring tribe, and the wish of the paternal ancestor usually counted for something.

In consequence she resolved to fly to the "happy hunting grounds," and one night she stole noiselessly from her wigwam, and, with the death song upon her lips, flung herself from the high cliff, her life's blood staining the rocks below. And to this day they have retained the reddish hue which the rains and floods of a century have failed to efface.

When the maiden's lover saw her mangled corpse, he retired to a cave in the mountains and never again was seen alive. Forty years later his petrified body was found in the cave by a wandering remnant of the tribe. Under his body were found the long raven tresses of the old chief's daughter. — New York Press.

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